

CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

DAY ONE

Tuesday, December 2

8 – 9:30 a.m. Registration/Exhibit Viewing

9:30 – 10 a.m. Mission Control:

Welcome and opening remarks

Unveiling of the 2009 March Disability Awareness Month campaign and poster

10 – 11:30 a.m. Keynote Session

Present Reality: Future Journey

Status Check: David Braddock, Ph.D., executive director of the University of Colorado's Coleman Institute for Cognitive Disabilities, will report on the State of the State in Disability Services and how Indiana compares with other states and national trends.

Quest for New Worlds: A panel of Indiana experts will respond from their particular viewpoints on the direction of Indiana services.

11:30 a.m. – noon Break/Exhibit Viewing

Noon – 2 p.m. Lunch

First Encounters: Federal election results and the disability agenda

Curt Decker, J.D., executive director of the National Disability Rights Network, will discuss the impact of this year's federal elections and what is likely to happen when the new crew takes their stations in January.

2 – 2:15 p.m. Break

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6 – 6:30 p.m. Exhibit Viewing

6:30 – 9 p.m. Universe of Stars Reception

Come as your favorite space alien; astronaut; Star Wars, Star Trek or other science fiction character. Dance to Rock 'N Roll music and enjoy light refreshments.

DAY TWO

Wednesday, December 3

8 – 9:30 a.m. Registration/Exhibit Viewing

9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Plenary Session

New Frontiers in Disability Services

Dale DiLeo, author of *Raymond's Room*, will use research, anecdotes and captivating stories for this energetic session. He calls people with disabilities society's "hidden citizens," and describes a system that prevents people from working and living in our communities, despite new techniques and approaches proven effective in helping even those with the most serious challenges to be employed and to have a home to call their own.

11:30 a.m. – Noon Break

Noon – 3:30 p.m.

Awards Luncheon: Stars of the Galaxy

Join us as we celebrate the achievements of Indiana's star contributors for 2008. We will present the Governor's Council's Community Spirit Awards, which include the Distinguished Leadership Awards and Disability Awareness Campaign Awards.

Closing Session: Cosmic Expedition

Juliette Rizzo, Ms. Wheelchair America 2005, will use her personal experiences and adventures to talk about the power of community participation. She believes that recognizing one's personal power and using simple well-intended efforts can change the world.